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Amendment to the Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention relates to emulsion compositions for starting a reformer of a fuel cell system. In particular, the invention includes water-in-oil-in-water (W/O/W) emulsion compositions comprising hydrocarbon fuel, water, alkoxyated alkyl alcohol, alkoxyated alkyl ester and ethoxyated alkyl ~~amid~~ amide surfactants for starting a reformer of a fuel cell system.

Remarks

In response to the Examiner's objection, the Applicants have changed "amid" to "amide" throughout the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for identifying the error.

The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application 60/435,059 filed December 20, 2002. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15 (all claims) under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. 6,736,867 B2; U.S. 6,869,706 B2; and published U.S. Patent Application 2003/0162061 A1.

These were all filed December 20, 2002. The present application has a priority of equal date, i.e., December 20, 2002. Therefore, these references do not constitute prior art in respect of this application. Based in the foregoing, the rejections are respectfully traversed.

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Conclusion

In view of the amendments and foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objection and rejections have been addressed and overcome, and that the pending claims now present in the application are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. No additional fees are believed to be required with this Amendment, however, if any other fee is required, or otherwise necessary to cover any deficiency in fees already paid, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account Number 05-1330.

If there should be any questions in connection with this request, the undersigned may be contacted at the number below.

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